# NIGHT SCHOOLS OF PORTLAND and THEIR SCHOLA

Peep Into the Schoolrooms Where Students of All Nations Pour Over Their Books Beneath the Electric Lights--Eagerness of Pupils to Learn-Discipline Perfect in All Departments

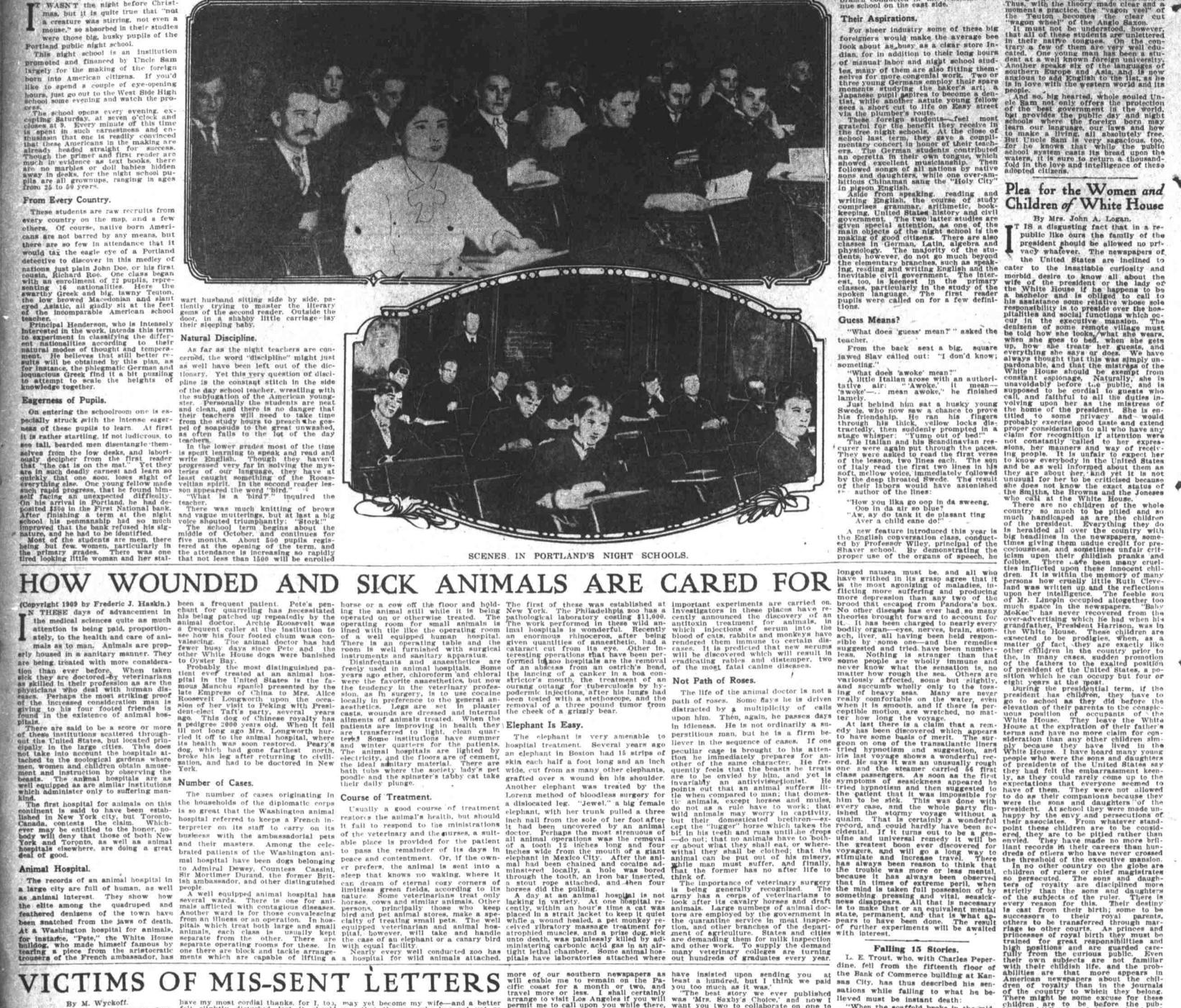
By Helen Hope. WASN'T the night before Christmas, but it is quite true that "not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse," so absorbed in their studies were those big, busky pupils of the Portland public night school.

This night school is an institution promoted and financed by Uncle Sam largely for the making of the foreign born into American citizens. If you'd like to spend a couple of eye-opening hours, just go out to the West Side High school some evening and watch the pro-

The school opens every evening, exespting Saturday, at seven o'clock and closes at 9. Every minute of this time is spent in such earnestness and enthusiasm that one is readily convinced thusiasin that one is readily convinced that these Americans in the making are already headed straight for success. Though the primer and first reader are much in evidence as text books, there are no marbles or doll babies hidden away in desks, for the night school pupils are all grownups, ranging in ages from 25 to 50 years.

### From Every Country.

These students are raw recruits from every country on the map, and a few others. Of course, native born Americans are not barred by any means, but there are so few in attendance that it would tax the eagle eye of a Portland detective to discover in this medley of



before the term closes. There is also a branch conducted in the Williams ave-nue school on the east side.

## Their Aspirations.

For sheer industry some of these big foreigners would make the average bee look about as busy as a clear store Indian, for in addition to their long hours of manual labor and night school stud-

dian, for in addition to their long hours of manual labor and night school studies, many of them are also fitting them selves for more congenial work. Two or three young Germans employ their spare moments studying the baker's art; a Japanese pupil aspires to become a dentist, while another astute young fellow sees a short cut to life on Easy street via the plumber's route.

These foreign students—feel most grateful for the benefit they receive in the free night schools. At the close of school last term, they gave a complimentary concert in honor of their teachers. The German students contributed an operetta in their own tongue, which showed excellent musicianship. Then followed songs of all nations by native sons and daughters, while one over-ambitious Chinaman sang the "Holy City" in pigeon English.

Aside from speaking, reading and writing English, the course of study comprises grammar, arithmetic, book-keeping. United States history and civil government. The two latter studies are given special attention, as one of the making of good citizens. There are also classes in German, Latin, algebra and physiology. The majority of the students, however, do not go much beyond the elementary branches, such as speaking, reading and writing English and the inevitable civil government. The interest, too, is keepest in the primary classes, particularly in the study of the spoken language. The first reader pupils were called on for a few definitions.

gets surprisingly quick results in securing good English promupciation. Thus with the theory made clear and a moment s practice, the "vagon veel" of the Teuton becomes the clear cut "wagon wheel" of the Anglo Saxon.

It must not be understood, however, that all of these students are unlettered in their native tongues. On the contrary a few of them are very well educated. One young man has been a student at a well known foreign university. Another speaks six of the languages of southern Europe and Asia, and is now anxious to add English to the list, as he is in love with the western world and its people.

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And so, big hearted, whole souled Uncle Sam not only offers the protection of the best government in the world, but provides the public day and night schools where the foreign born may learn our language, our laws and how to make a living, all absolutely free. But Uncle Sam is very sagacious, too, for he knows that while the public school system casts its bread upon the waters, it is sure to return a thousandfold in the lave and intelligence of these adopted citizens.

## Plea for the Women and Children of White House

By Mrs. John A. Logan.

I IS a disgusting fact that in a republic like ours the family of the president should be allowed no privacy whatever. The newspapers of the United States are inclined to

others to be transferred through marriage to other courts. As princes and princesses of royal birth they must be trained for great responsibilities and high positions and are guarded carefully from the curious public. Even their own subjects are not familiar with their childish life, and the probabilities are that more appears in American newspapers about the children of royalty than in the journals of the country to which they belong. There might be some excuse for these children are to be before the public in childhood and in manhood and womanhood to be much discussed by the papers, but for children who are in the White House today and in private life tomorrow to be the subjects

lic in childhood and in manhood and womanhood to be much discussed by the papers, but for children who are in the White House today and in private life tomorrow to be the subjects of continuous favorable and unfavorable comments is at variance with our republican ideas and is unfair to these children. Seemingly, the first thing thought of after the election of a president is his family, who are subjected to interviews, newspaper articles, photographers, and everything that brings them constantly into the limelight. If the president and his wife have grownup sons and daughters, the young men are supposed to be solons and wiser than Solomon himself. They are not allowed to do things that other young men do or to engage in anything to fit them for their future career without having every act reported in the newspapers. If they are self-respecting young men and wish to enter upon any career of usefulness, that attracts the attention of every newspaper in the country, which proceeds to chronicle the daily coming and going of these much handicaped young men. If the daughter is a young lady, she must be entertained by every person who is ambitious to have some member of the president's family accept their hospitality, since the president and his wife cannot accept general invitations, so the poor daughter is in evidence constantly at luncheons, dinners, coming out parties, theatre parties, and all kinds of entertainments. The moment her father's term expires, she is dropped and her successor in the White House becomes the recipient of the many attentions that have been heaped upon her. She may be in her teens and too young for such general participation in society functions, but the rapidly approaching change of administration makes it necessary for the young lady of the White House to accept attentions that she would never receive after her removal from the White House.

It is amusing to witness the "president's family, and if they caunot get anything that will make a good story, they are supposed to write a fictiona

and fool the publishers—cape own house.

"When we reach Berlin I'll give you the dots you expressed a desire to have about the prince.

"Always yours truly,
"HERBERT DRAYTON."

"Mr. Pierre Lambert,
"Savannah, Georgia."

Remedy for Seasickness.

"Los Angeles, May 20, 1902—Dear Mr. Wallingford: I am answering your delightful but naughty letter of the 10th. What a bad man you represent yourself to be. I take it that you are a humorist of the first magnitude, and say exactly the contrary of what you mean. I believe you are a good deal of a saint.

"Yes, indeed, California is full of marriageable ladies, of all ages. Come of my acquaintances; just the dearest girls that you ever saw.

"And then, I have often heard it said than a wfully glad that I did extra the win. With utmost love, with them, but am awfully glad that I did extended the win. With utmost love, with them, but am awfully glad that I did extended the protection of the first magnitude, and steer in a great artistic cause—and I feel better acquainted with you now than ever, for the Fair Play magazine has just reached me, and I have read your story. It is chaming; and I am not speaking with a bit of levity now, believe me.

"Of course you will let me know when you expect to reach Los Angeles.

"Always sincerely."

"CARRIE LOTTIE MAY."

"New York. Sept. 30, 1902—Dear limits than a wfully glad that I did extended the protection of the marking acceded so like a by have reached me, and I will introduce you will let me know when you expect to reach Los Angeles.

"New York. Sept. 30, 1902—Dear limits to sail in a half hour. And the you must excuse me for so much levity. I fear it may seem rather bold.

"Yours very truly."

"CARRIE LOTTIE MAY."

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From the Washington Post.

with a fine property of the street period of the street period for my fall at the lustant the rope came nearest me.

"I would have reached the bottom in two thirds of a second more. I heard Pepperdine strike and scream. The pain in my hands made me want to relinquish my hold, for I thought that I would be killed anyway. But I decided to be game. Next I saw darkness illuminated with millions of sparks. I knew then that I should see my wife again. I knew that if death came it would not be immediate. Then I lost consciousness."

Of all ills not actually mortal, probably the most disagreeable and hardest to bear is seasickness. Even those who for use on Paris lakes frequented by have neves, experienced its pangs con skaters, is supported by small balloons, easily imagine what acute and proso it will not sink should the ice break.

as company. It relieves my mind, for that implies war upon bad, bad people, feit some misgivings as to whether he check which I received in a letter but I know that you are jesting. A sritten to you was my property or not, at the street of the street of

"I note that the two checks were for the same amount and fear that they are discriminated in my favor because am a woman. Your story is, of course, much better than mine. Yours very truly, CARRIE LOTTA MAY."

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citrus-fruits are good for gout. But you must excuse me for so much levity. I fear it may seem rather bold.

"Yours very truly.

"CARRIE LOTTA MAY."

"Savannah, May 30, 1902.—My Dear Miss May: In reply to your letter of the twentieth, I have to say, first, that I shall probably respond to your definity folk, publishers, etc. They have been taking in the town." as Herbert calls it, and that in our case has meant chiefly calling upon the literary folk, publishers, etc. They all know him, and he seems to be a prime favorite with them. Some of them have about his nom de plume—Herbert Roy Wallingford, you know—and some of them didn't. The funniest thing that ever happened is that he is a member of the firm of Goodman company, and fooled his own house with that fateful story of which you have heard so much. The senior partner laughed himself nearly into a fit when it came out during our visit there, and the came of the firm of Goodman company, and fooled his own house with the fateful story of which you have heard so much. The senior partner laughed himself nearly into a fit when it came out during our visit there, and finally said. By jove, Drayt, the joke is on you, after all. We sized you up the story of the partner of the firm of Goodman company, and fooled his own house with the fateful story of which you have heard so much. The senior partner laughed himself nearly into a fit when it came out during our visit there, and some of them didn't. We sized you up to the fateful story of which you have heard so much. The senior partner laughed himself nearly into a fit when it came out during our visit there, and the story of which you have heard so much. The senior partner laughed himself nearly into a fit when it came out during our visit there, and the story of which you have heard so much. The senior partner laughed himself nearly into a fit when it came out during our visit there.